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NEW CHAPTER WRITTEN IN COLLEGE HISTORY

Two Students First To Receive B.Sc. Degrees — Rev. T. W. Jones Spoke

The Board Room was the scene of the Faculty and Student gathering on December 17th, 1936, at which the degrees and diplomas were presented by Principal Norris.

Francis R. P. Davison and Leo Germain received their Sc. Degrees. Diplomas of Associates in Arts were presented the following: Francis L. P. Anderson, Harold J. Betts, Florence Blacher, Simone Bourcheix, James Carnie, Douglas Burns Clarke, James R. Kidd, Reginald Lewis, William Lynes, Sam Peletz, Herbert Quinn, Linwood B. Richardson.

In Science: Buell W. Flaherty; Arthur C. Glashan. In Commerce: Bernard Besner; Thomas R. Haugland; Robert Kirkpatrick; G. Lawson Reid; William W. Swinden Jr., and Paul Wiallard.

The Rev. T. W. Jones of Calvary United Church, Westmount, addressed the gathering and impressed on them that just because they were leaving their "Alma Mater" that was no reason why they should stop learning. He continued to say that they had only started to learn and that after one left school or college he or she should strive for bigger and better things or, as he put it, "for new lands to conquer."

The meeting was closed by Dr. Paul Villard who pronounced the benediction.

Before the meeting an informal dinner was held in the Willingdon Room which all the Graduates attended. Mr. Gerald Birks was in the chair.

CAPITALISM UPHELD BY DEBATERS

Speakers Congratulated Upon Fine Effort—Split Decision

On December 18th, the Abner Kingman Hall was the scene of the Debating Society's first meeting of the current season. The resolution, "Resolved that the preservation of a capitalistic society is desirable," was successfully defended by Messrs. Manson and Walley. The judge on the occasion was Mr. Currie.

Although Mr. Currie awarded the debate to the affirmative side there was a deal of discussion as to the actual outcome of the debate for a popular student vote favored the negative side by a wide margin. The debaters, however, agreed that the judge's decision should be taken as final. The difference of opinion can be contributed to a technical error made by the second speaker for the negative.

Miss Shane and Mr. Meyer were the speakers for the negative.

DRAMA DEP'T RESUMES ACTIVITY

Miracle at Verdun Already In Production

CAST OF EIGHTY

College Will Enter Dominion Drama Festival

The Department of Drama will present two additional plays during the months of March and April. Hans Chlumberg's "Miracle at Verdun" has been chosen as one, while the other, which will be cast from the students of the Day Division, will be decided on a later date.

Miracle at Verdun, which has been presented in almost every capital in Europe, is the most outstanding of anti-war plays. It received its first American performance several years ago when it was staged by the New York Theatre Guild.

It is felt that this play is very timely, deserving the interests of every serious minded person who is alive to the vital problems of war and economic adjustments which face us today. In choosing this play the Department of Drama feels that it is filling a definite need, and this performance should be interesting socially as well as theatrically.

The College has decided to enter Tchekov's brilliant comedy of character "The Proposal," in the Dominion Drama Festival to be held in Montreal at the beginning of February. Two years ago the College was represented in this Festival and their adventure in this competition will be watched with the keenest of interest.

A Few Words From The Principal

I cannot help feeling somewhat envious of a group of young people setting out to build, for themselves and their fellow-students, a college newspaper. I should really like to be one of them to-night as they put their second monthly issue "to bed",—to feel the paste between my fingers and the blue pencil behind my ear as I volubly bemoan the atrocious English used by the freshmen reporters.

Instead I must remain in the comparative dignity of my office and compose a message to the student which will not concern itself with the struggles of a youthful editorial board, no single member of which has, as yet, had any journalistic experience to speak of.

I suppose, at this stirring stage in the development of the College, a Principal's message might be expected to become prophetic and to dwell at length upon the phenomenon of an expanding institution. I might perhaps, be tempted to adopt that very course, but for two facts:— the first, a realization that our institution is already in the sixty-fourth year of its history and that the present has grown naturally out of the past as new community needs have made possible a larger social usefulness; the second, a full acceptance of the philosophy of education which has actuated the progress of the College, at least during the past fifteen years, the belief that the criteria for evaluating the educational process are to be found in the individual student and in what happens to him rather than in the more material factors of increasing enrollment, enlarging equipment and improving ef-

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J. W. BEATON TO ADDRESS STUDENTS

Y.M.C.A. Secretary To Speak On Pacific Relations

Under the auspices of the Political Science Club Mr. J. W. Beaton will give an informal address dealing with "The Changing Balance of Power in the Pacific," Tuesday, Feb. 2nd, at 1 p.m. All lectures will be cancelled for this period, thus a chance for all students to hear Mr. Beaton will be possible.

Last year's students will, no doubt, remember our visit from Mr. Beaton and will be glad of the opportunity to hear him again. He has travelled extensively in China, Japan, and many foreign countries, due to his position as Secretary of the Montreal Y.M.C.A. Those able to attend will be treated to a very informative address.

A. S. Biffi Explains Italian Fascism

Addresses Students Under Auspices of Political Science Club

On Tuesday, January 12th Mr. A. S. Biffi addressed the Political Science Club on "Italian Fascism." His speech was an intensely interesting one dealing with the origin and aims of Fascism in Italy. The speaker touched on violence, freedom of the individual and of the press, referred to international agreements, and finally explained the structure of government in the Coporate State. Education was also treated.

Mr. Biffi remarked that neither the Socialists nor the Anarchists had a plan of action so that the Fascists had no resistance to their violence which, remarked our most honoured speaker, was only an answer to violence.

The aim of the Fascist State, said Mr. Biffi, is to attain as high a degree of efficiency as possible, to this end discipline is strict, and the matter of duty is stressed greatly. These are the basis of the Italian Educational System, and of the Ballila. Liberty—not license—is allowed to all; but this does not permit one to encroach upon the liberty of his neighbor. The alleged muzzling of the Italian press, remarked the speaker, is no worse than the supervision exercised over Canadian newspapers, and he referred to the recent Imperial Crisis, as well as to the numerous incidents that never are presented to the public.

With regard to the Italo-Ethiopian war, Mr. Biffi pointed out the numerous actions of other nations with regard to their international obligations, which justified Mussolini in taking such a step.

Though the principles are the same, the application of Nazi-ism is very different from that of Fascism. The latter differs from Communism in that it is not for exportation: it is not preached and only Italians may become Fascists.

Mr. Biffi remarked that it would not be easy to establish Fascism in Canada because the conditions that existed in Italy in 1925 do not exist in this country.

Reunion Dinner Planned For 1st Class of Grads

Address by Registrar

Event Set May 25, 77

All "Guinea Pig" Award Winners Will Be Called To Attend

It is anticipated that there will be a reunion dinner for the first graduates of Sir George forty years from now, The Georgian has learned.

The registrar, Mr. Ted Sheffield, is expected to address graduates at a gala dinner which, according to our sources, will be conducted at the Ritz Carlton Hotel on the evening of Wednesday. May 25th, 1977.

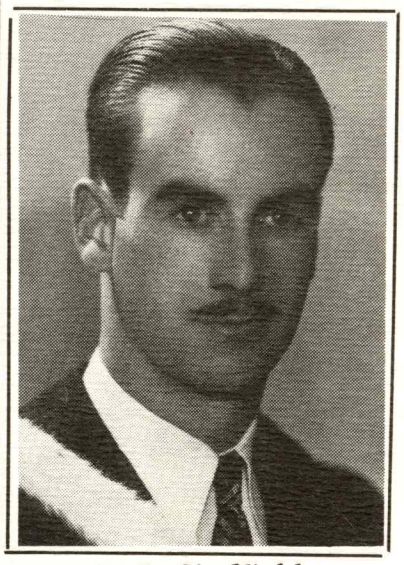
Mr. Sheffield is not expected to touch on fake high school transcripts as previously reported.

The passage of time, it is said, will considerably influence the development of our college. It has been suggested by authorities well versed in matters of education and in the short history of the college that in 40 years, Sir George Williams will be part of a larger institution of higher education comparable to the great universities of Boston and New York City.

Enrollment in the day and evening divisions of the college may soar to heights well beyond 10,000 and college facilities will be expanded to include a skyscraper of considerable dimension, in which will be found the most modern laboratory and dining facilities.

Montreal is expected to be similarly influenced by the passage of time and its streets will be lined with shimmering towers under which will pass gleaming subway trains.

Harnessing new technology and business energy will force the college to establish new and separate faculties of Commerce, Technology or Engineering and Science. The forces of technology and science will create an imbalance, it is suggested, between the arts and the sciences and a separate faculty of Fine Arts will be created. Graduate programmes will be established.



E. F. Sheffield

Douglass Burns Clarke

Alan Finlayson

Class Notes... '36-'37

Joseph Robinson, after a long wartime stint in the RCAF went into business where he remained, as he says, all his life, taking the odd break to listen to music.

Rita Shane, the first lady to ever hold a Sir George degree, went on to McGill Medical School after graduating, worked in pediatrics in Montreal hospitals. She set up private practice in the forties when she married the late Dr. Arnold Katz, one of Montreal's leading ophthalmologists.

Douglass Burns Clarke first came to SGWC in 1932 to teach and to study, and never left. He became acting registrar in 1943, filling in for Ted Sheffield who left for war service. He became vice principal and registrar in 1956, academic vice principal in 1962 and acting principal in 1968. The following year he retired from the administration and taught until he retired in 1973. He was professor of English and Fine Arts.

Clinton Davis of Ottawa worked at Bell Telephone as an engineer until he retired in 1970. Not your retiring sort, he then proceeded to do five years' United Nations work in Jamaica. He has travelled extensively and was the first evening students' representative on the Students' Association.

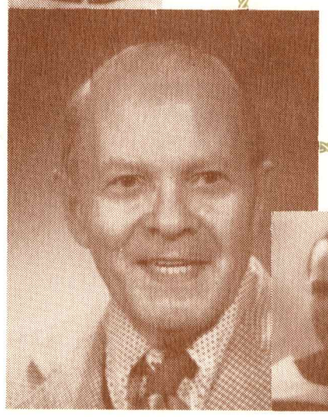
Francis Davison, now in Aylmer, Quebec, worked as a technician at the B.F. Goodrich Company after serving in a number of wartime industries. He retired last year.

Alan Finlayson proudly claims that his son is a second generation Georgian who graduated in 1962. He has worked as an engineer and as a personnel officer for the Canadian Marconi Company.

Leo Germain of Shawinigan describes himself as self employed and a consultant and researcher on industrial techniques. A Guinea Pig B.Sc. with a fondness for chemistry, he holds a number of professional memberships.

Norman Manson is another Guinea Pig who stayed at school, teaching both in the Business School and the University. He instituted English 100 and taught the course for 15 years. He also taught in the old School of Retailing and in 1974 took up duties as a liaison officer for the University. He was for several years Canadian Associate for the Institute for Certifying Secretaries, a post he was offered indefinitely, so good he was in the job. However, after seven years at it, "enough was enough". He has also served as a consultant to industry on communications techniques.

Linwood Richardson reports that he has had fun growing older and in 40 years has managed to hold 24 different jobs. There's 60 pounds less of Richardson than there used to be after bouts of heart troubles and diabetes problems. But not to worry: he's quit smoking and looks forward to the 50th anniversary.



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Joseph Robinson

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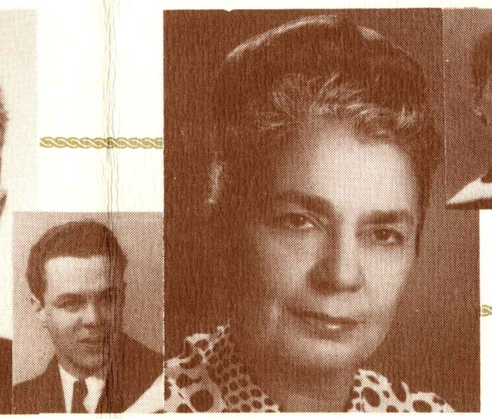

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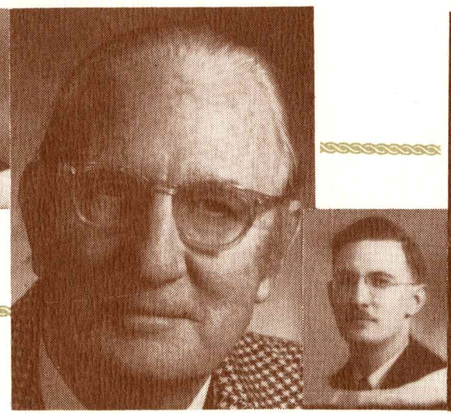
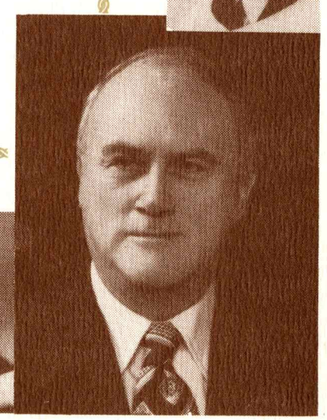


Clinton Davis



Norman Manson

Association of Alumni of Sir George Williams
(Concordia University)

Fortieth Anniversary Dinner for the Guinea Pigs
(First Graduating Class of SGW, 1936-37)

Ritz Carlton Hotel (Gold & Grey Room), 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 25, 1977

Grace	
Toast to H.M. The Queen	
Introduction	*Harry Hemens, Chancellor, Concordia University*
Opening Remarks	*John O'Brien, Fifth Principal, SGWU, and Rector, Concordia University*
Address	*Edward (Ted) F. Sheffield, Registrar, SGWC, 1936-43, and Professor, Higher Education Group, Ontario Institute for Studies in Higher Education, Toronto*
Reply	*Rita Shane, first woman graduate of SGWC*
Awarding of 1977 Guinea Pig Award	*Norman Manson, graduate of Class of 1936-37*

Late last year Matthew Ram's idea of holding "The 40th" in grand style got hearty endorsement from Concordia rector Dr. John O'Brien and the idea stuck.

It was something special, and unusual, because the anniversary in question was dedicated to bringing together the first graduating class of what was then Sir George Williams College, the Guinea Pigs.

To make absolutely sure the idea would continue to stick, Alumni director Ram did what anyone in university would do. He formed a committee.

The Committee which met regularly up to the celebration was made up of Montreal area Guinea Pigs. Included were Dr. Rita Shane, Douglass Burns Clarke, Norman Manson, Alan Finlayson and Joe Robinson. Also included in the committee were Assistant to the Rector, Stirling Dorrance, Alumni president Walter Pike and of course, Matthew Ram who acted as chairman.

The committee decided to invite as many people who were around the college in 1937 as possible.

Finding all these people was another thing and alumni office sleuths set about their work. There was Leo Germain who dropped out of sight. Last known address, Shawinigan Falls. Was Shawinigan Falls the same thing as Shawinigan? Finally an English advertisement in a French Shawinigan newspaper did the trick and Leo Germain contacted the Alumni office.

When the search was concluded only one Guinea Pig, H.E. Betts, failed to turn up. However, a few Guinea Pigs can't be with us tonight.

The Committee gratefully acknowledges the assistance of Imasco Limited, Ernest Brown, and other generous contributors. Music by Paul Notar Trio